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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5861

AMEMBASSY KIGALI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DOUALA

AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

UNCLAS YAOUNDE 3092

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: CASC (BAILEY, PETER HITCHCOCK)

SUBJ: W/W PETER HITCHCOCK BAILEY

REF: STATE 156475 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY, WHILE UNABLE TO LOCATE SUBJECT IN YAOUNDE AREA
WAS ABLE TO TALK WITH ROBERT HUGHES, A DRIVER AND TOUR COORDINATOR
FOR TREASURE TREKS, LTD, ASSUMED ORGANIZERS OF BAILEY'S
TOUR, WHO PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

TREASURE TREKS SPONSORS APPROXIMATELY 6 TOURS PER YEAR IN AFRICA.
GROUPS TRAVEL IN WHITE BEDFORD ARMY TRUCK AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL.
ACCORDING TO HUGHES, BAILEY WAS PROBABLY ON EARLIER TOUR WHICH
PASSED THROUGH YAOUNDE MID-JUNE AND FOR WHOM CALNAN WAS DRIVER/
COORDINATOR. HOWEVER, CALNAN HAS SINCE LEFT TOUR AND WAS
REPLACED BY BERNARD LEVY.

2. HUGHES REPORTED THAT BAILEY'S GROUP WAS HAVING MECHANICAL
DIFFICULTIES WITH THEIR TRUCK. HE ESTIMATES THAT THEY LEFT
YAOUNDE AROUND JUNE 16TH AND IF ON SCHEDULE, SHOULD ARRIVE IN
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KISANGANI TODAY, JUNE 23 WHERE THEY WILL CAMP IN VICINITY
OF HOTEL OLYMPIC. GROUP THEN SCHEDULED TO LEAVE KISANGANI
JUNE 25 ENROUTE TO GOMA WHICH IS ACROSS THE BORDER FROM RWANDAN
TOWN OF GISENYI. THEY SHOULD REMAIN IN GOMA FROM JUNE 30
THROUGH JULY 2. ACCORDING TO HUGHES, THE HAMAICAN FEMALE
PROPRIETOR (NAME UNKNOWN) OF THE HOTEL EDELWEISS IN GISENYI
WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO AID IN CONTACTING BAILEY, AS SHE IS

FAMILAR WITH TREASURE TREKS TOURS AND WILL KNOW WHERE THEY ARE CAMPING.

3. AROUND JULY 3RD, TOUR WILL LEAVE GOMA ENROUTE TO KIGALI. HUGHES COULD PROVIDE NO INFORMATION AS TO ADDITIONAL STOPS IN KIGALI AREA.

4. IF ABOVE FAILS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT BAILEY, HUGHES SUGGESTS LETTER BE LEFT FOR HIM AT POST RESTANTE IN NAIROBI AS TOUR GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN NAIROBI AREA 5 WEEKS FROM TODAY, OR JULY 28TH.

5. ABOVE TEXT NOT REPEAT NOT REPORTED TO SUBJECT'S SISTER, MS. KATHRYN BAILEY AS HUGHES, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS GROUP AND HAS ENCOUNTERED THEM ALONG STOPS IN AFRICA WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT BAILEY IS REALLY TRAVELING WITH THEM. HE DID HOWEVER RECALL THAT THIS GROUP, UNLIKE 2 GROUPS PRESENTLY IN CAMEROON, DID HAVE SOME AMERICAN MALE PARTICIPANTS.

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